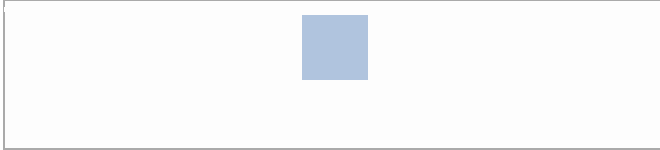


Battle of Donkey Island

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Battle of Donkey Island	
Part of the Iraq War	
Date	30 June – 1 July 2007
Location	Ramadi , Iraq U.S. victory
Result	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Insurgent assault force detected and defeated</div>
Belligerents	
 United States	 al-Qaeda in Iraq
Units involved	
1-77 Armor Regiment 2nd Battalion 5th Marines	
Strength	
30–50 soldiers	40–70 fighters
Casualties and losses	
2 killed, 11 wounded	32 killed
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The **Battle of Donkey Island** was a [skirmish](#) that occurred on 30 June and 1 July 2007 between elements of the U.S. Army Task Force [1-77 Armor Regiment](#), the [2nd Battalion 5th Marines](#) and a numerically superior force of [al-Qaeda in Iraq](#) insurgents on the banks of a canal leading from [Ramadi](#) to [Lake Habbaniyah](#) in the [Al-Anbar province](#) of [Iraq](#). Official reports of the clash indicate that the U.S. force suffered 2 soldiers dead and 11 wounded, while an estimated 32 insurgents were killed (out of an estimated force of 40–70 fighters). From a military perspective, the battle was a complete victory for the U.S. forces, which detected and defeated an insurgent force before it could launch a planned assault on Ramadi. From a political perspective, the action revealed the continuing ability of al-Qaeda in Iraq to plan and assemble forces in their attempt to destabilize the Anbar region.

Battle On the night of 30 June 2007, a routine patrol on the outskirts of Ramadi revealed the presence of a company-sized element of insurgent forces. Partially hidden behind two trucks, the insurgents began firing on the reconnaissance group, forcing them to retreat to nearby cover and calling for backup forces.

A platoon-sized element arrived a short while later to reinforce the American patrol. Although outnumbered, the U.S. force brought superior firepower to bear and eventually began to shift the tide of battle. With continuing ground fire, and later with air support, the American troops killed more than 30 insurgents and managed to destroy their two trucks carrying large quantities of weapons and ammunition before calm took over early in the morning. On 1 July 06, the insurgent fighters resumed the battle by ambushing elements of the U.S. Army, resulting in a quick firefight which ended the battle. In the following days, follow-up missions were conducted by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marines on both sides of the canal to ensure all insurgent forces were eliminated.

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